

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 2624
Docket No.: 826.1554D**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yutaka KATSUYAMA

Serial No. 10/781,291

Group Art Unit: 2624

Confirmation No. 3345

Filed: February 19, 2004

Examiner: A. Bhatnagar

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND PATTERN EXTRACTION APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Attention: **BOX AF**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 14, 2006, and having a period for response set to expire on March 14, 2007.

Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. The following remarks are respectfully submitted.